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MEMORANDUM

ARGENTINE PRISONER PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

To: ADL Regional Offices

☒ Release () Excise () Deny

From: Morton M. Rosenthal

Exemption(s):

Date: February 25, 1983

Declassify: () In Part () In Full

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Subject: Argentine Prisoner Project -- Recent Developments

Juan Alberto Epstein and Jorge Enrique Arrietta, both featured in the Prisoner Project Supplementary List of November 1982, have been freed! We are also pleased to announce that the following prisoners, who were previously listed as paroled in our various publications, were granted their freedom: Eduardo Oscar Schaposnik, Silvia Viviana Zustovich, Jorge Ernesto Kondratzky, Juan Eduardo Lenscak, and Victor Francisco Nadalich.

Additional prisoners on our master list were also released since November: Alberto Domingo Colaski, Jorge Alberto Kerz, Abraham Elias Musse, Jose Martin Nitzschmann, Ricardo Daniel Rodschild, Daniel Alberto Abott, Juan Carlos Finkelstein, and Juan Mauricio Berger.

For the first time, the Argentine government has publicly acknowledged the deaths of people who were previously considered "disappeared." In December 1982 Judge Pierini made public a list identifying 76 bodies that had been buried in unmarked graves in Buenos Aires' Chacarita Cemetery from March 1976 to July 1978, the period of the greatest number of disappearances. Although this news can hardly be greeted with joy, it comes as a relief to relatives of the disappeared who, as one mother recently told me, "do not know whether or not we are in mourning." Some 1500 cadavers are reported to have been found in different locations in recent months, many with signs of a single bullet shot in the skull.

The following is a partial list of the names released by Judge Pierini; they were on our list of disappeared: Victor Jose Lowe, Ruben Vicente Hoffman, Carlos Alberto Rodecoff, Anastasio Antonio Simion, Estela Gacche de Adjiman, Mariano Hector Krathaner, Nora Beatriz Salvarezza de Jeifetz, Carlos Gabriel Federico Jeifetz, Jorge Daniel Fukman, Guillermo Adrian Khun, Ruben Adrian Benshoam, Horacio Alberto Rubino, Anna Maria Castillo de Rubino, Hugo Daniel Strejilevich, Mario Lerner, and Mabel Rita Passut. We hope that more names will soon be made public.

We attach another Supplementary List of prisoners. This list contains the names of all of the prisoners who were in our November list and have not yet gained their freedom as well as several additional cases. We urge you to continue your efforts to secure their release, asking Senators and Congressmen for their help. -- Also, polite letters to the Argentine Ambassador, Lucio Garcia del Solar, at Argentine Embassy, 1600 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, may go a long way to freeing these prisoners.

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Attachments

cc: Latin American Affairs Committee

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